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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

1. [redacted], early in May, wrote to the writer and stated he had some information he wished to discuss with the writer along lines of interest. The writer told him he would be glad to talk to him and if he thought he could talk on the telephone to call the writer at the writer's expense. [redacted] stated he had attended the APA convention at Atlantic City and had recently had talks with [redacted] and [redacted] concerning Bufotenin. [redacted] stated both [redacted] and [redacted] told him they had experimented with Bufotenin and it did not produce the effects of the snuff that the natives of Haiti used (Cohoba). Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] explained why it was not producing the results and stated the seeds were not prepared or roasted properly at the natives did them. He stated he had recently seen a friend of his, a neurosurgeon, who lived in Haiti. He stated he talked the matter over with him and he invited him to Haiti. This friend is friendly with the witchdoctors or natives who make the Cohoba snuff and was certain if [redacted] came down he could talk to the natives and find out how the snuff was made.

2. The writer then asked [redacted] exactly what he felt the writer should do about it and stated if the writer or the Agency would pay his way to Haiti he would be very happy to make an investigation in the matter and believed that this should be successful. The writer informed [redacted] that he had no funds for such an experiment and he would take the matter up with others in the Agency who would have such funds. The writer then asked if [redacted] had heard anything about the PHS forms he had filed with the Agency and [redacted] replied in the negative.

3. On 18 May 1955, the writer called [redacted] and informed him of the above. [redacted] stated apparently [redacted] had made the offer to certain other officials of the Agency and the matter would be taken up when [redacted]'s clearance was through.

[redacted]

18 May 1955

[redacted]

1. [redacted] claims that [redacted] has completed the synthesis of d-Lysergic Acid.

a) What evidence is available? hearsay, verbal, written, recorded?

b) What scope of accomplishment? gamma, mg., gm. quantitation

c) Is any of this synthesized LS available - how much?

2. [redacted] claims LSD is relatively rapidly destroyed substance

a) What incidence is available? hearsay, verbal, written, recorded?

b) Under what conditions is stability secured?

c) Under what conditions is stability uncertain or failing?

d) What metabolic evidence is available of breakdown?

3. Where does [redacted] obtain his supply of LDS?

4. [redacted] claims harmine is less effective than LSD.

a) What evidence is available, hearsay, verbal, written, recorded?

b) Where did he obtain harmine?

5. Where does [redacted] obtain his supply of serotonia?

6. Can [redacted] formulate his conception of the mechanism of action of LSD?